

Maine Marine Patrol

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Legal Hauling Times for the Maine Lobster Fishery

*The following information pertains to both
Commercial and Non-Commercial State Licensed Lobster
Harvesters in both State and Federal waters.*

It is **unlawful** to raise or haul any lobster trap:

SUMMER: During the period ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise from June 1st to August 31st, both days inclusive, and during the period ½ hour after sunset until 4 a.m. from September 1st to October 31st, both days inclusive;

WEEKENDS: During the period from 4 p.m., EDST, Saturday to ½ hour before sunrise the following Monday morning from June 1st to August 31st, both days inclusive*.

*It is **legal** to haul lobster traps at any time from Nov 1st to May 31st; it is also **legal** to set lobster traps at any time throughout the year.*

Legal hauling times statewide (as shown) are computed from the times of sunrise and sunset for Augusta Maine as established by the National Almanac Office of the U.S. Naval Observatory and are shown in EDST.

*Hurricane Warning: It is lawful to raise or haul traps during this period if a hurricane warning issued by NWS is in effect for the coastal waters of the State.

*Gray Zone: It is lawful to raise or haul any lobster trap from September 1st to October 31st, both days inclusive, during any time of the day in an area in the Bay of Fundy designated by rule as the "Gray Zone"

Legal Haul Times ~ 2025

	June		July		August		September		October	
Day	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
1	---	---	4:29	20:57	4:57	20:33	4:00	19:45	4:00	18:49
2	4:27	20:47	4:30	20:57	4:58	16:00	4:00	19:43	4:00	18:47
3	4:27	20:48	4:30	20:56	---	---	4:00	19:41	4:00	18:46
4	4:27	20:49	4:31	20:56	5:00	20:30	4:00	19:39	4:00	18:44
5	4:26	20:49	4:32	16:00	5:01	20:28	4:00	19:38	4:00	18:42
6	4:26	20:50	---	---	5:02	20:27	4:00	19:36	4:00	18:40
7	4:26	16:00	4:33	20:55	5:03	20:25	4:00	19:34	4:00	18:38
8	---	---	4:34	20:54	5:05	20:24	4:00	19:32	4:00	18:37
9	4:25	20:52	4:34	20:54	5:06	16:00	4:00	19:30	4:00	18:35
10	4:25	20:53	4:35	20:53	---	---	4:00	19:28	4:00	18:33
11	4:25	20:53	4:36	20:53	5:08	20:20	4:00	19:26	4:00	18:31
12	4:25	20:54	4:37	16:00	5:09	20:18	4:00	19:25	4:00	18:30
13	4:24	20:54	---	---	5:10	20:17	4:00	19:23	4:00	18:28
14	4:24	16:00	4:39	20:51	5:12	20:15	4:00	19:21	4:00	18:26
15	---	---	4:39	20:50	5:13	20:14	4:00	19:19	4:00	18:24
16	4:24	20:55	4:40	20:50	5:14	16:00	4:00	19:17	4:00	18:23
17	4:25	20:56	4:41	20:49	---	---	4:00	19:15	4:00	18:21
18	4:25	20:56	4:42	20:48	5:16	20:09	4:00	19:13	4:00	18:19
19	4:25	20:56	4:43	16:00	5:17	20:07	4:00	19:12	4:00	18:18
20	4:25	20:57	---	---	5:18	20:06	4:00	19:10	4:00	18:16
21	4:25	16:00	4:45	20:45	5:20	20:04	4:00	19:08	4:00	18:15
22	---	---	4:46	20:44	5:21	20:02	4:00	19:06	4:00	18:13
23	4:26	20:57	4:47	20:43	5:22	16:00	4:00	19:04	4:00	18:11
24	4:26	20:57	4:48	20:42	---	---	4:00	19:02	4:00	18:10
25	4:26	20:57	4:49	20:41	5:24	19:57	4:00	19:00	4:00	18:08
26	4:27	20:57	4:50	16:00	5:25	19:55	4:00	18:58	4:00	18:07
27	4:27	20:57	---	---	5:27	19:54	4:00	18:57	4:00	18:05
28	4:28	16:00	4:52	20:38	5:28	19:52	4:00	18:55	4:00	18:04
29	---	---	4:53	20:37	5:29	19:50	4:00	18:53	4:00	18:02
30	4:29	20:57	4:55	20:36	5:30	16:00	4:00	18:51	4:00	18:01
31			4:56	20:35	---	---			4:00	18:00